

CMA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MARCH & APRIL 2020 MEETINGS SUMMARY

Recent CMA Board Meetings

In March and April 2020, the CMA Board held several extraordinary meetings by videoconference on the enterprise's work related to COVID-19. Highlights of these meetings include:

CMA's Response to COVID-19

The Board received regular briefings on the CMA's response to the pandemic and engaged in key discussion to guide the association's work. The CMA's response to COVID-19 is available for [review](#).

Future Events

- The Board was apprised of decisions to cancel the 2020 Health Summit and to hold the Annual General Meeting virtually.

Member Support

- Management and the Board discussed pausing emerging strategic discussions to pivot towards COVID-19 support.
- The results of a CMA rapid poll on supply and distribution of personal protective equipment were reviewed. A second poll was conducted April 20-21, 2020.
- The Board was briefed on a significant enterprise funding proposal being announced by the [CMA Foundation](#).
- This builds on other funding announcements, including CMA support to Pallium, and joint funding support by CMA, Scotiabank and MD Financial. <https://www.cma.ca/COVID-19-funding>

Policy

- The Board approved as CMA policy the [Framework for Ethical Decision Making During the Coronavirus Pandemic](#) to provide critical guidance to physicians for potentially difficult future resource allocation and triaging decisions.

On April 27, the Board held a **business meeting** by videoconference. Highlights included:

- Dr. Carl Nohr was re-elected to the position of Vice-Chair of the CMA Board of Directors and Dr. David Cram was elected to the position of Chair of the CMA Audit and Finance Committee.
- The Board received reports from various standing committees of the Board and approved multiple appointments, governance documents, audit and finance statements, and a 2020-2021 membership fee of \$195.
- The Board decided to implement a new presidential rotation based on a 12-year alphabetical model, starting in 2022 with Alberta and ending in 2033 with the Yukon. The president-elect for 2020 is from New Brunswick (Dr. Ann Collins) while the president-elect nominee for 2021 is from the Yukon (Dr. Katherine Smart).
- The Board discussed the creation of a time-limited Expert Advisory Group, which will provide advice on how to consider and incorporate pandemic recovery planning into longer-term strategic planning and decisions.